

31st August 2025

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MERTHYR TYDFIL

Worshipping together

St Aloysius, Chestnut Way, Gurnos, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9SB **St Benedict's**, Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF

St Mary's, Pontmorlais West, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RG

St Illtyd's, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 3BT

Parish Priest: CANON BARRY ENGLISH , FATHER FRANCIS ONU.

Deacon: Rev. GARTH TASKER 07939 310176

Response to the Psalm: In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.		Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart Alleluia.	Website: www.merthyrcc.co.uk Email: merthyr@rcadc.org Tel: 01685 723336
Saturday 30th August		Vigil – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Pat Lee; Deacon David O'Keefe;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Bernard & Mary Corcoran; Jimmy Mullan; Patricia Buckley;	
Sunday 31st August		Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C	
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Alfred Davies (B'Day); Dorothy Mahoney; Deacon David O'Keefe; Brenda English;	
11.30am	St Mary's	Paul & Stuart Bartz; Ron Morgan; Bernard McCormack; Deacon David O'Keefe; Evan Kinsey; Connie Green (Anniv);	
Monday 1st September			
10.00am	St Illtyd's	People of the Parish	
Tuesday 2nd September			
10am	St Mary's	Fr, Sean Seddon (Anniv); Eileen Dacey (Anniv);	
Wednesday 3rd September		St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor	
10am	St Mary's	Alfred Davies (Anniv); Thanksgiving;	
6.00 pm	ST MARY'S	DEACON DAVID O'KEEFE – Reception and Mass	
Thursday 4th September			
10am	St Mary's	Deacon David O'Keefe;	
12.30 pm	ST MARY'S	REQUIEM MASS – DEACON DAVID O'KEEFE	
Friday 5th September			
10am	St Illtyd's		
Saturday 6th September		Vigil – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C	
4.30pm	St Benedict's	Pat Lee; Bill Hughes; Claire Price; Stephen Fryzer;	
6.30pm	St Aloysius	Jimmy Mullan; Bernard and Mary Corcoran; Patricia Buckley;	
Sunday 7th September		Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C	
9.30am	St Illtyd's	Deacon David O'Keefe; Idris John; Gavin Fitton; Maria and Mostyn Jones; Noral Scannell; Vanessa Bond; Dorothy Mahoney; Jeanette Herbert; Terry Elliot; Elizabeth Brogden (Cronin) Family; Bernard Moran; William Lewis (Annv);	
11.30am	St Mary's	Ron Morgan. Bernard McCormack, Paul and Stuart Bartz; Deacon David O'Keefe; Louise Hopkins; Thanksgiving L.W; Treena & Liam Villanueva; Bess, Cliff and Carl Preece; Jason and Clive Watkins; Phyllis May O'Regan; Peter and Joan Williams;	

Please remember in your prayers: Peggy Vaughan, Tony Crawford, Beryl & David Keefe, Steven Denton Thomas, Teresa Jones, Lisa Morgan Jones, David Lewis; Veronica Rowlands; Paula Williams; Linda Sproles; Josie Egan, Sylvia Williams, Jimmy Llewellyn; Ann Evans; Maria Evans; Ann Watkins; Mary Wade; Marlene Chambers; Phillip James; Gerald Harrington.

Requiescat in pace: Martin Bell; Craig Wall; Deacon David O'Keefe;

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

St Illtyd's Lottery 24th August	St Mary's Lottery 24th August
Numbers 3, 14, 21, 24 No Winner	Numbers;2, 6, 13, 19 No Winner
Next Draw: 31st August £4,225	Next Draw: 31st August £4350

DEACON DAVID O'KEEFE – REQUIEM MASS

The Requiem Mass for Deacon David O'Keefe will be celebrated at St Mary's at 12.30pm on Thursday 4th September. It will be followed by cremation at Llwydcoed at 2pm.

Please keep David's family in your prayers.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR REFLECTION GATHERING (S)

Are you wondering what the 2025 Jubilee Year is all about? Join us as we explore the biblical background to the Jubilee Year and what the theme *Pilgrims of Hope* means for us today.

We'll be meeting at Fr Carroll Centre at St Illtyd's at 7.00 on 15 October for the first of four gatherings. For more information or to register please contact Deacon Garth.

ST MARY'S PIETY STALL AND VOTIVE CANDLES

The ladies who run the St Mary's Piety Stall and the votive candle shrines in the Church, Pat O'Neill and Noreen Carpenter, will 'retire' when Canon Barry leaves. Their dedicated service has been a real boon to the Parish. In the year to 31st March 2025 the sales of candles (£2,800) and piety items (£1200) contributed £4,000 to Church funds. Thank you ladies. We now need volunteers to continue the good work. Please get in touch if you wish to help.

ALTAR LINEN

Unfortunately, Mary Price, who has ensured that we have had clean Altar linen over the past years, will be retiring shortly. We thank Mary for her dedicated service over the years. However, we are looking for someone to fill the vacancy. Please contact Father Francis for further information.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN PILGRIMMAGES

- **12 September:** St Thomas' Church Centenary Mass, Abercynon

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER

March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and support for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Two coaches will be travelling to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, Treforest contact Howard at Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk; For information on the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff contact Clare on 07983 522 851 PA

PARISHES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd October. Please add this date to your diary.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be Canonised by the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV on Sunday 7th September 2025. Let us hope that the first millennial Saint will Bless our endeavours especially at our new school which bears his name.